

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims – six million were murdered; Gypsies, the handicapped and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Medford should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Medford should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

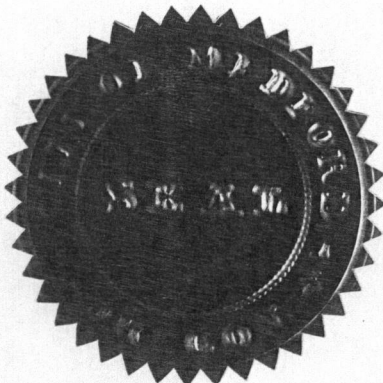
WHEREAS, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Medford to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the US Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Days of Remembrance will be commemorated on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Observances and remembrance activities will occur nationwide between Sunday, April 4 and Sunday, April 11;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4 through April 11, 2021 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Medford, should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
hereunto set my hand this
1st day of April, 2021.

Randy Sparacino
Mayor of Medford